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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified continuation application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

--This application is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 10/104,212 filed 03-22-2002 (Allowed).--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, lines 13-14, amend the paragraph describing FIG. 1 as follows:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a <u>prior art</u> pontoon of the type having circumferential welds intermediate the ends of a cylindrical section of the pontoon.

Page 8, amend the first paragraph as follows: